Sl. No.	Goods manufactured by the SSI units set up during the last five years
16.	Electrical Machinery and Apparatus
17.	Transport Equipment and Parts
18.	Misc. Manufacturing Industry
19.	Water Work Supply
20.	Construction Materials
21.	Activities Allied to Construction
22.	Real Estate & Business Services
23.	Education, Scientific & Research Services
24.	Medical & Health Services including Medicine
25.	Personal & Services
26.	Services not elsewhere Classified
27.	Other Services & Groups
28.	Cane & Bamboo Items
29.	PVC Pipes various items, HDPE, LDEP items

Financial help to SSIs

5099. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to help the Small Scale Industries sector by way of cheap funds, lower rates of interest on loans;

(b) if so, the details of these incentives and the machinery that would regulate the process to help this small scale sector; and

(c) the proposed measures to control the risk factor?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) and (b) With a view to facilitate loans at lower rate of interest for the Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised all Public Sector Banks to set the interest rate on advances to SSI sector keeping in view prevailing general southward movement in interest rates. Further, in accordance with the announcement made in the Union Budget 2003-04, Indian Bank Association (IBA) has advised all its member banks to adopt an interest rate band of 2% above and below Prime Lending Rate as announced by the State Bank of India.

(c) In order to extend guarantee cover for mitigating credit risk, the Government have already launched the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Small Industries. The Scheme provides guarantee for collateral free loans

above Rs. 5 lakh and upto Rs. 25 lakh for SSI/ tiny units. The RBI's instructions already exist to the banks for grant of loans upto Rs. 5 lakh to the SSI units without collaterals.

Mission to Moon

5100. SHRI BALBIR K. PUNJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a 'fact that ISRO is working on a programme to put first Indian on the moon;

(b) if so, whether it would serve any purpose; and

(c) what are India's space plans for the next five years either in collaboration or independently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir. However, an unmanned orbiting spacecraft mission to moon is planned.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Space programme during next five years is directed towards strengthening the space based services for the socio-economic development of the country. The major thrust areas of the planned programmes are the following :

- Augmenting the INSAT system with fourth generation INSAT-4 satellites to meet the National needs in the area of communications, broadcasting and information infrastructure and expansion of the satellite communication network for developmental purposes including Healthcare, Education and Rural Development.
- Enhance the earth observational capability with all-weather microwave system and provide continuity of remote sensing data to support National Natural Resource Information System, Disaster Management Support, developmental activities and improved weather and ocean state forecast.
- Continuation flights of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) to meet launch requirements, operationalisation of Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) and Development of advanced GSLV Mk.III.
- Focussed research in the area of space science, astronomy and planetary science.